

NOTICE OMNIBUS ADULT PROTECTION ACT

Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, Amended 1993, §43-35-5 et. Seq.

IF YOU HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE THAT A CLIENT OR PATIENT OF THIS FACILITY (18 years of age or older) HAS SUFFERED PHYSICAL OR PSYCHOLOGICAL ABUSE, NEGLECT OR EXPLOITATION, YOU SHOULD REPORT THE INCIDENT TO THE:

**LONG TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM
OR
LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT**

ALL HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS AND ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, STAFF OR VOLUNTEERS OF AN ADULT DAY CARE CENTER OR A FACILITY, LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, PUBLIC ASSISTANCE WORKERS, AND CARE GIVERS ARE SUBJECT TO CRIMINAL CHARGES IF THEY FAIL TO MAKE SUCH A REPORT. REPORTS SHOULD BE MADE WITHIN 24 HOURS OR THE NEXT BUSINESS DAY OF HAVING REASON TO BELIEVE THAT A VULNERABLE ADULT HAS BEEN OR IS LIKELY TO BE PHYSICALLY OR PSYCHOLOGICALLY ABUSED, NEGLECTED OR EXPLOITED.

**ANYONE CONVICTED OF ABUSE, NEGLECT OR EXPLOITATION
CAN BE FINED, IMPRISONED OR BOTH.**

REPORTS OF ABUSE, NEGLECT OR EXPLOITATION MAY BE MADE ORALLY, IN WRITING, OR BY TELEPHONE TO:

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

**STATE LONG TERM CARE
OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM
SC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES
BUREAU OF SENIOR SERVICES
P. O. BOX 8206
COLUMBIA, SC 29202-8206
(803) 898-2850/1-800-868-9095**

Each nursing care facility, community residential care facility, psychiatric hospital, or a facility operated or contracted for operation by the State Department of Mental Health or the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs, operating under the provisions of the Omnibus Adult Protection Act, is required to display this notice prominently for the benefit of clients, patients, personnel and families.